

A Salvation Extravaganza (1 Peter 1:10-12)

Proposition: Every one of us as pilgrims and strangers in this world can value greater the gift of eternal salvation given to us by personally realizing the three precious truths concerning our salvation extravaganza found in this text tonight.

I. **A Salvation Searched by the Authors** (Vs. 10-11)

- A. Authors that did Prophesy of this Salvation (Vs. 10)
- B. Authors that did not Perceive of this Salvation (Vs. 11)

II. **A Salvation Sounded by the Apostles** (Vs. 12)

- A. Apostles that Viewed this Salvation Given (Vs. 12a-b)
- B. Apostles that Voiced this Salvation's Gospel (Vs. 12c)

III. **A Salvation Spectated by the Angles** (Vs. 12d)

- A. Angles that Watch this Salvation Accomplished (Vs. 12d)
- B. Angles that Wonder at this Salvation Applied (Vs. 12d)

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(1 Peter 1:10-12), cl watched last summer in amazement at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games held in Beijing, China. It was amazing 10's of 1000's of people the greatest of technology, billions of dollars went into one of the largest and most astounding extravaganzas of all time. Millions watched as complex fire works, synchronized choreography, and colorful displays welcomed the world to China. It was a memorable event to watch. But after it was over, most people went back to their less than spectacular lives, not knowing that an even more illustrious, phenomenal extravaganza was still going on. In churches and in homes this unbelievable extravaganza is still going on. It is the heavenly spectacle of a Holy Sovereign Righteous God saving, forgiving, regenerating sinful and rebellious mankind. If you are here tonight and have received this wonderful T. A. Saluator searched by the Author, ^① cl heard it said that the O.T. is the New Test. concealed. On the New Test, is the O.T. revealed. That's very much

what this passage indicates. Notice first these
A. Authors that did Prophesy of this Salvation
"who prophesied of the grace" The author
of the O.T. penned down the very truth
of the gospel of the grace of God. Gen 3:15
promised a deliverer. Abraham said
God will provide himself a lamb. Isaiah
said the servant of Jehovah would be
wounded for our transgressions. Habakkuk
said the Just shall live by faith. The
gospel of the Lord Jesus and his saving
grace is seen in the O.T. scriptures. in
Genesis: He is the promised seed of the woman

B. Authors that did not Perceive of this Salvation
They may very well have written
the truth concerning salvation by
grace thru faith but they did not
Perceive or understand it fully. They would
write as the spirit of Christ directed them
then they would review what they has
written to discern this coming Messiah
and his salvation. The 22nd Psalm in truth
tells us of the events of Jesus crucifixion
but written a 1000 years before crucifixion was
invented is a little puzzeling. Or Isaiah

II. A Salvation Sounded by the Apostles
But in the fulness of time in a
stable in Bethlehem all the
prophets strove for materialized

- 1) ...wonderful precious gift called salvation, then this breathtaking event of universal interest has gone on in your life. This event is the precious present of every one of God's Pilgrims. Our problem is that we don't value it as we ought to value our salvation. This passage helps us put our gift of salvation in to proper perspective. Every one of us as pilgrims and strangers in this world can value greater the gift of eternal salvation given to us by personally realizing the three precious truths found in this text tonight.
- 2) ...in Exodus He is the passover lamb, in Leviticus he is the great High priest, in Numbers he is the smitten rock, in Deut. He is the prophet of God, in Joshua he is the captain of the Lord of Hosts, in Judges he is the great and final judge, in Ruth he is the kinsmen redeemer, in 1 & 2 Samuel He is the anointed one, in 1&2 Kings he is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, in 1&2 Chronicles he is the glory of the Temple of God, In Ezra he is the teacher sent from God, in Nehemiah he is the re builder of broken lives, in Ester he is the protector of his people, In Job He is the only comforter in times of trouble, in the psalms He is the Good Shepherd, In Proverbs he is the wisdom of God, In Ecclesiastes He is the preacher of the kingdom of God, in Song of Solomon he is the Bridegroom coming for his bride, in Isaiah he is the mighty God, everlasting father, the prince of peace, In Jeremiah he is the the potter that shapes our lives of clay, in Lamentations he is the weeping prophet, in Ezekiel he is the wheel in the middle of the wheel, in Daniel he is the son of Man coming in the clouds, in Hosea he is the love of God for the backslider, in Joel he is the baptism of the H.S. In Amos he is the author of Judgment and mercy, in Obediah he is the God of vengeance, in Jonah, he is the salvation of the Lord, in Micah he is the intercessor, in Nahum he is our stronghold, in Habakkuk he is the desire of all nations, in Zephaniah he is the establisher of the kingdom of God upon the earth, in Zechariah he is the branch of Jehovah and in Malachi he is the Sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings.
- 3) ...Isaiah looking back trying to understand how we could be healed by the stripes laid on the servant of Jehovah. In Peter's day many Jewish Christians were tempted to go back to Judaism. He is telling them that the salvation that they possess was what the greatest mean of their past strove for and earnestly sought to learn about. Why would you ever go back?

1) ...letter was one of those witnessed that viewed this precious promised messiah, be given.

in the arms of a young mother, Jesus came.
A. Apostles that Received this Salvation Gift
This Jesus, the promised messiah
grew from a child to a man and at
the age of 33 set out of the messiah
foretold by the prophets. At the
onset of his mission he chose 12
to be witness of his ministry. They
were witnesses of this gift from
God. They were eye witnesses to
his death burial and resurrection.
Jesus gave them abilities that validate
their message. The writer of this letter was
B. Apostles that Voiced this Salvation Gospel

Not long after the Lord Jesus
ascended, the Holy spirit of God was
given, the body of the church began
to form and this truth, this gift
of God's forgiveness of sin began
to be preached, Voiced throughout
the land. Vs 12 it was reported unto
you! This band of apostles began
to set the stage for this universal
extraordinary to take place.

At the end of verse 12 we have a ^{strong} ~~strong~~
III. A Salvation Spectacle by the Angels
Yes this universal spectacle is
attended by the myriad of angels
that serve the Lord. One needs think

they would be too busy but they slept ^{and}
A. Angels that Watch this Salvation Accom-
plished - This great gift of salvation
is of peak interest to the angels of
heaven. The word desire is a strong
word referring to a passionate desire
the word to look upon is a word often
used in the gospels to refer to the disci-
ples sleeping down to look into the
lens, "to look at, to steep and look into"
"to look carefully into to inspect curiously"
Did you know that you are being watched.
These angles ¹ have an intense desire inspect

B. Angels that Wonder at this Salvation
Accomplished - But why such an interest?
I remember going to the Barnum and
Bailey circus as a child. I remember
watching that guy on the trapeze
so intently, watching every breath
taking mine saying "Oh I could
do that if only I had the chance. But
reality would scold in and I would
realize, it would never happen. These
angels, have seen rebellion, man cast
out, but never have they seen those

IV. Close - I want to tell you
angels are gathered all around
perched in hopes that you will
receive the gracious offer extended

- 1) ...to inspect the goings on in the life of the believer. Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God," One author writes that the Church is the teacher of Angels. The Church is God's university for angels." 1 Corinthians 4:9 ...for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.
- 2) ...those that once rebelled against God, be brought to him in fellowship, be forgiven, cleansed, regenerated to live a holy life. They will never experience it. But oh how they watch it. On March 20th 1994, the stage was set for an unprecedented extravaganza to take place, the prophets had written of it, the apostles had preached it, and it finally was laid at my doorstep once again. That Wringling Bros Circus, even the opening ceremonies at the the Beging Olympics, looked like a dime store pin ball machine compared to that night when God reached into that old dove gray '87 mustang, and shook hell out of this boy and put heaven in his heart. Why it was fruit basket turnover in heave for an hour and a half. What a Gift!